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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONDON CHAPTER, ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## MEETING NOTICE

Our December 8 meeting will feature Dr. Dean Knight from Wilfrid Laurier University. Dr. Knight recently completed a doctoral dissertation on an exciting series of Archaic period sites in Northeastern Ontario, and will present a slide illustrated talk entitled "*The Montreal River and the Shield Archaic*". This is your chance to see some archaeology from the other part of the province! The meeting will be held in Rm. 344 of Talbot College at 8:00 P.M.

A lengthy discussion of recent archaeological field work in northwestern Ohio was presented by Dr. David Stothers on November 10. Dr. Stothers began by describing the atmosphere of cooperation in archaeological research which exists between professionals and amateurs in the Toledo area. The advantages of such a situation were made abundantly clear as he proceeded to describe the massive volume of research accomplished despite limited government and university funding over the last three or four years. Several hours were spent in describing northwestern Ohio cultural manifestations from Late Archaic to Late Historic times, and a variety of excellent colour slides helped to describe such sites as the amazingly rich Late Archaic Williams cemetery. Interestingly, the latter appears to be closely related to the Hind site, which has been excavated by Stan Wortner and Bill Donaldson here in Southwestern Ontario.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT

On November 29, Norah McWilliam, George Connoy, Rudy Fecteau and your editor met at Charles Nixon's home in Ayr to discuss a variety of subjects. Included on the agenda at this three hour meeting were such items as the upcoming Chapter executive elections, the Christmas party, and our relationship to the parent (Toronto) organization.

The Nominating Committee chosen on November 10 has been actively canvassing Chapter members in an effort to produce a slate of executive candidates to be presented to the membership at our December meeting. Response has been slow; however, it appears that Bob Calvert, Bob Pearce and perhaps Jim Keron, in addition to this year's executive, are prepared

to stand for office. A final slate for the January elections will be presented on December 8 by a member of the committee.

Our December 17 Christmas party at 55 Centre Street was further discussed and it was decided that an informal buffet would be set up between 7:00 and 8:30 P.M. The party committee will be asking those attending to bring a little something to contribute to our smorgasbord. An initial supply of refreshments will be provided by the Chapter for the bar, but those wishing to continue partying following the buffet and slide presentation are requested to bring additional refreshments. It was proposed that the party be organized as follows:

7:00 - 8:30 P.M.	Buffet and socializing
8:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Slide presentation
9:00 - ?	Dancing and more socializing

Admission will be free, and at our December 8 meeting, the committee will be trying to ascertain the number of members planning to attend. Any suggestions concerning the party would be most welcome at that time.

Charles Nixon raised the question of constitutional reform in the Ontario Archaeological Society; specifically, whether a provincial O.A.S. executive and office was going to be established, separate from the Toronto Chapter. A committee has been formed in Toronto, but no information has been forthcoming as to their progress. Rudy Fecteau, who will be speaking with committee member Jock McAndrews this week, has offered to provide a progress report at our upcoming meeting. Norah McWilliam will be drafting a letter to Toronto requesting a meeting of all Chapter representatives to discuss the re-structuring of the Ontario Archaeological Society.

Next, a letter from O.A.S. president Peter Ramsden was read to the executive, requesting the Chapter's response to a letter from the National Museum of Man. Translated from advanced bureaucratese, the National Museum appears to be requesting a statement of our membership's views with regard to their unstated museum goals and unstated proposed Federal legislation to protect prehistoric archaeological sites on Federal Crown Land. It was decided that since the executive did not know what the present National Museum of Man policies and responsibilities were and did not have a draft of the proposed legislation, they were in no position to respond to the request at this time. However, should any member wish to comment on the above subjects, they are encouraged to contact Dr. W.E. Taylor at the National Museum of Man in Ottawa.

The final matter on the agenda concerned a request from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation in regard to the new Southwestern Ontario archaeological conservation officer program. Our Chapter has been requested to administer a Provincial grant made in support of the program by dispersing support funds to the A.C.O.P. personnel. George Connoy felt that the additional administrative load would be minimal, and the executive agreed that this new responsibility would not conflict with the conservation aims of the Society. Mr. Charles Nixon will be forwarding a letter of acceptance to the Ministry.

## SOCIAL NOTES

### CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Come out and renew acquaintances. See uncensored pictures of the Ohio trip, imbibe on part of the tour profit, and just have a good

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## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP-1978

This coming year our membership fees will remain the same (Active - \$4.00, Family - \$6.00 and Institutional \$10.00), and we would request that you detach the information sheet below and send it, along with your dues, to Mr. George Connoy, 762 Elm Street, St. Thomas, Ontario N5R 1L4. You are reminded that membership in the London Chapter remains conditional upon membership in the parent Society. Upon receipt of your fees, Mr. Connoy will send out a membership card and include you on the 1978 KEWA mailing list. Those who joined the Chapter later this year may obtain the earlier issues of KEWA by writing to the editor (55 Centre Street, London, Ontario N6J 1T4) and requesting copies of the specific numbers you are missing.

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I/WE are or will be members of the provincial Ontario Archaeological Society in 1978.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_